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EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ARTICLES AND RESOURCES

*From the E-mail box of Joyce Faye
For you and your educational technology staff*

VIRGINIA TEACHER PC PURCHASE

For information regarding this program, <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/OET/>
Please note that a link to information and procedure for the new Virginia Teacher PC Purchase program has been added in the blue left-hand column of this Web page.

ONLINE SAFETY TOOLKIT FROM COSN

CoSN has created a tool kit for educators to use when promoting online safety at <http://www.safewiredschools.org/toolkit/> . It contains a handbook, flyer, and video as well as a listing of related Web sites.

RESEARCH STUDIES from CARET (Center for Applied Research in Educational Technology – an ISTE project)

- o *Learning to read in culturally responsive computer environments* by Pinkard, 1999 - <http://caret.iste.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=studySummary&StudyID=994> . An interesting study released on *reading and technology*. The summary's bullet statements are worth reviewing in the following sections
 - o "Major implications for educators/decision makers:..." and
 - o "Major implications for educational researchers/evaluators:..."
- o *Review Criteria* - <http://caret.iste.org/index.cfm>
- o *Connected to the future: A report on children's Internet use* - from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by Grunwald Associates, 20003
<http://caret.iste.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=studySummary&StudyID=1035>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Inspiration Software, Inc. *Professional Development Newsletter*

This newsletter is especially designed for people who regularly present or train on Kidspiration®, Inspiration®, and visual learning. <http://www.inspiration.com/newsletter>

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND CURRICULUM INTEGRATION LESSONS FOR TEACHERS

Two new integration resources for educators who *use visual learning* and Inspiration® in their classrooms:

Inspiration in Language Arts

Language arts for grades 6-12 using Inspiration and 30+ standards-based lesson plans covering analysis, persuasion, narration, and expression. For a free sampler and more details about "Inspiration in Language Arts" go to at <http://www.inspiration.com/newproducts/inlanguagearts> .

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30+ lesson plans cover life, physical, and earth sciences, each aligned with middle and high school learning standards. Students in grades 6-12 use Inspiration to build concept maps, develop experimental designs, lab reports, and more. For a free sampler and more details about "Inspiration in Science" go to <http://www.inspiration.com/newproducts/inscience> .

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